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Applicant has carefully considered the above identified Office Action, and in response thereto is addressing each issue raised by the examiner in the remarks hereinbelow. In this regard, applicant is amending claims 1, 8 and 14.

Claim Rejection 35 USC 112

Applicant has amended claim 14 by replacing the "optical delivery device" with a "optical beam steering system" on line 14.

Claim Rejection 35 USC 102(b)

Applicant has amended claims 1, 8 and 14 by replacing the word "contacting" with the phrase "being in physical contact with" in claim 1, line 12 and claim 14, line 14; and replacing the word "contacts" with the phrase "is in physical contact with" in claim 8, line 14. The Edelman patent does not teach or suggest having an end of an optical delivery device in contact with the absorber layer of a speaker membrane. All claims dependent upon a newly allowable claim are also made allowable.

Claim Rejection 35 USC 103(a)

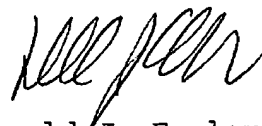
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in claim 8, line 14. The Edelman patent singularly or in combination with the Fulenwider patent does not teach or suggest having an end of an optical delivery device in contact with the absorber layer of a speaker membrane. All claims dependent upon a newly allowable claim are also made allowable.

C O N C L U S I O N

It is respectfully submitted that applicant has responded in a fully satisfactory manner to all matters at issue in this application, and this application is now in condition for allowance. In this regard, applicant has made every effort to comply with the requirements set forth in this Office Action as well as statutory requirements. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter this amendment, allow the claims, and pass this application on to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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